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increment. Why do not the Government give the same benefit to them when they are re-employed after they pass the examination conducted by the Madras Public Service Commission? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Appointments in the Civil Supplies Department were temporary. Under the rules those employees were not entitled to increments. But still we have given certain weightage for the service they have already rendered."

Price of paddy seeds supplied through the Agricultural Department.

* 20 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the price of paddy seeds supplied through the Agricultural Department;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that it is higher than the market rate; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that this higher rate is charged when issuing loans to agriculturists?

THE HON SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Generally, the procurement price paid by the Agricultural Department *plus* 5 per cent towards seed farm premium.

" (*b*) Yes, by a small margin.

" (*c*) The same rate is charged for cash sales and sales against loans by the Agricultural Department."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" After the removal of control, the price of paddy has come down enormously. But still, the department has been charging the higher rate from the agriculturists. Will the Government examine this question and see that if higher prices have been realized from the agriculturists, the excess is paid back to them or is adjusted towards repayment of loans? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" After the removal of control, only the market rates are taken into consideration."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware that the seeds sold by some of these shops do not germinate? Have the Government received any complaint with regard to this matter? If so, will they look into it? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We do receive complaints of this sort now and then. The Government are doing their best and they cannot take the entire responsibility of supplying seeds through their own depots."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the seeds supplied by the Agricultural Department are not only priced high but are bad in quality also? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I maintain that the seeds prepared by the Agricultural Department and supplied to the ryots are definitely superior in quality. Several agriculturists have suggested to me that the Government might undertake the preparation of seeds and they have even offered their own lands for the purpose. Naturally, the price is slightly higher than the market price."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" சர்க்காருடைய விவசாய இலாக்கா மூலமாக சப்ளை செய்யப்படும்படியான விதைகளில் சிலவை முளைப்பதில்லை என்ற புகார் சர்க்காருக்குக் கிடைத்திருக்கிறதென்று கனம் மந்திரி சொன்னார். முளைக்கவில்லையென்றால் அவைகள் விதைகளேயில்லை. விதைகள் என்ற பெயரில் வெறும் நெல்லை கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. விதை முளைக்கவில்லையென்றால் அந்த விதைக்கு சர்க்கார் எவ்வளவு பணம் வாங்கினார்களோ அதைத் திருப்பிக் கொடுத்துவிடுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated that the Government do not and cannot undertake the responsibility of supplying to the ryots seeds prepared by the Agricultural Department. There are seeds supplied by the Agricultural Department and seeds secured from the seed farm ryots. Sometimes, the seeds that are secured from the seed farm ryots are not quite good in quality."

* 21 *Q.*—

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : " I do not put the question Sir."

Assignment of poramboke lands to Harijans in South Arcot district.

* 22 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many acres of land granted to the Thyagis in South Arcot district, had been enjoyed by Harijans for many years; and

(*b*) whether the Government have provided any alternative poramboke lands to the Harijans as compensation?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) or (*b*) The information is not readily available with the Government."

Retention of the Magistrate's Court at Quilandy, North Malabar.

* 23 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 12 noon

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the public to stay the transfer of the Magistrate's Court at Quilandy, North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) In May last some representations were received urging for the retention of a Magistrate's Court at Quilandy. In the revised set up